

## Community Assessment Program Area 31 and 32 Report to the Community

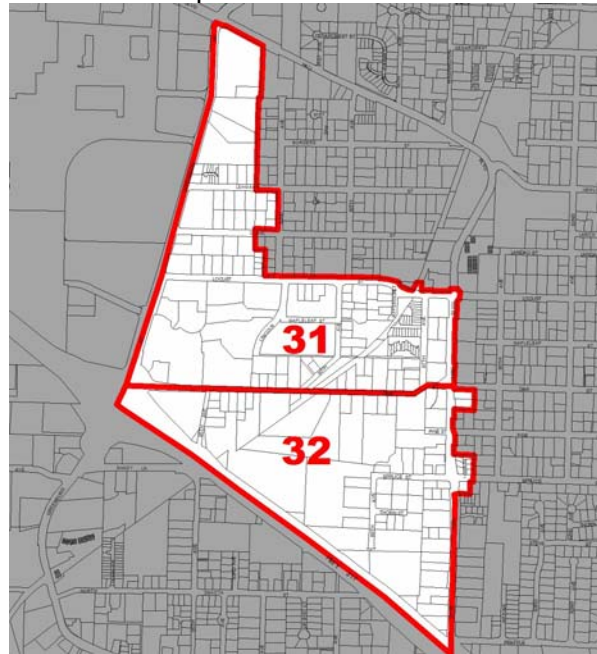
The Community Assessment Program is intended to bring work groups of city employees across department lines into each neighborhood of the city so all neighborhoods are the focus of an information gathering and issue identification effort at least once a year.

Staff walked this area on June 11, 2003 to conduct a first hand assessment. Corrective actions have been scheduled, assignments made, follow-up is being documented, and this report has been prepared to the community on the area.

Area 31 and 32 are in the Washington Square Regional Center adjacent to each other with Area 31 immediately south of Area 32. Both areas are adjacent to Greenburg Road. Area 31 is triangular in shape bounded on the north by Oak Street, on the east by Hall Boulevard and on the south by Highway 217. Area 32 is bounded on the north by Locust Street and Hall Boulevard, on the east by Hall Boulevard and 92nd Avenue, on the south by Oak Street, and on the west by Greenburg Road.

Below is a summary of the assessment of your area. Please note where the city or other agency will assume responsibility for follow-up and where private citizens are responsible. Volunteer opportunities are also identified where neighbors could get involved to address issues. Together, we can work to improve our community.

Map of Area 31 and 32



**Kudos** – Kudos for this area include wonderful landscaping comments and well maintained neighborhoods.

**Signs without permits/located in the right of way** – Did you know that all signs, even temporary signs, require permits? We noted several temporary signs that did not have permits and some that did have permits but that were placed in the right of way. The right of way includes the sidewalk and the planter strip between the sidewalk and the street. To obtain a temporary sign permit and get more information on the required locations for signs, contact the Planning Permit Technicians at 639-4171 x 2424 or email them at [kristie@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:kristie@ci.tigard.or.us) or [cherylc@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:cherylc@ci.tigard.or.us).

**Addresses not visible** – There were several homes in the area with addresses that are not visible. It's important that emergency responders find you if they need to. Make sure your home or business is well marked with address numbers that contrasts from the building color. Questions? Contact Jim Wolf, Police Public Information Officer, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2561 or [27047@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:27047@ci.tigard.or.us)

**Trip Hazards on sidewalks** – Sidewalk maintenance is the property owner responsibility. There were several areas with cracks, settling etc in the sidewalk that could pose a trip hazard and could be a potential liability for property owners. Please make sure that your sidewalk remains a safe place for pedestrians. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us).

**Overgrown vegetation on private property** – Did you know that any grass over 12 inches tall is considered noxious vegetation and a violation of city code? There were a few comments that grass is beginning to get high on several properties in this area. Make sure to stay on top of the mowing as the warmer weather gets here. Questions? Contact Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or [christine@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us)

**Vegetation in storm water ditches** – The Public Works Department will assess each location and establish a priority for annual maintenance. You can help out by keeping vegetation down in storm water ditches that abut your property. Questions? Contact Eric Hand at 503-639-4171 ext. 2607 or [eric@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:eric@ci.tigard.or.us) .

**Clogged catch basins** – The Public Works Department will send a crew out to clear out clogged catch basins where noted. Keeping the catch basins clear is important to insure that rain water is directed where it is designed to go. You can help by not dumping debris of any kind down the storm drain and by calling the Public Works Department if you notice a catch basin that needs to be cleaned out. Questions? contact Eric Hand at 503-639-4171 ext. 2607 or [eric@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:eric@ci.tigard.or.us) .

**Vegetation blocking fire hydrants** – There were a few examples where vegetation had been allowed to grow up around fire hydrants. This can create a problem if there is a fire because the fire department may have a delay while trying to locate and clear the hydrant. The Public Works Department will send out crews to clear the vegetation at the locations noted, but you can help by keeping the vegetation trimmed around a fire hydrant on your property. Questions? Contact Sam Morrison at 503-639-4171 ext. 2600 or [sam@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:sam@ci.tigard.or.us) .

**Street maintenance** – Several comments were received regarding needed street maintenance to fix potholes, cracks etc. The Public Works Department will assess each location and establish a priority for maintenance. Questions? Contact Howard Gregory at 503-639-4171 ext 2606 or [howard@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:howard@ci.tigard.or.us) .

More ways you can help make our community better –

**If you spot graffiti** contact the police non-emergency number at 503-629-0111 to report the location. An officer will be dispatched to photograph the graffiti for record and the property owner or public agency (if it is on a utility pole, box or transit stop) will be notified.

**Neighborhood Watch** - Are your neighbors watching out for you? Do you know your neighbors? Do you know how and when to call Tigard Police? Start a neighborhood watch program! At some point, your neighborhood may have had an active Neighborhood Watch program working in partnership with the Tigard Police. Over time, many Tigard neighborhoods have evolved with new residents moving in and others moving away. Maybe it is time to take another look at your neighborhood. For more information on how to take a bite out of crime in your neighborhood and at the same time get re-acquainted with your neighbors, contact the Tigard Police Crime Prevention Officer at 503-718-2561.

**Help protect our streams** - If you and your neighbors, church group or scout troop would like to help keep our streams clean, help out by volunteering to stencil storm drains. The “dump no waste, drains to stream” message reminds people not to dump soapy water, pesticides or other substances down the storm drains. If you are interested, contact Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171 x 2402 or [susank@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:susank@ci.tigard.or.us).

If you are interested in serving as a community connector for this area, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or [liz@ci.tigard.or.us](mailto:liz@ci.tigard.or.us). The role of the community connector is a two way communicator of information as well as the neighborhood contact in times of emergency.